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Attorney Docket No. 0018-10

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Carl E. Fabian

Group Art Unit:

3761

Serial No.:

10/650,377

Examiner:

Catharine L. Anderson

Filed:

August 28, 2003

For:

ATTACHMENT OF ELECTRONIC TAGS TO SURGICAL

SPONGES AND IMPLEMENTS

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March 20, 2006

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Madam:

## **SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

In response to the telephonic interview conducted March 20, 2006, and in further response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2005, the following Remarks are filed

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

| AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER            |  |                                 |             |             |                                     | 0018-10                                    | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO.: 0018-10 |                          |  |
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| SERIAL NUMBER:                          | SERIAL NUMBER: FILI                                  |                                 | ILING DATE: |             | EXAMINER:                           |  | GROUP ART UNIT:                |                          |  |
| 10/650,377 Augus                        |  |                                 | st 28, 2003 |             | Catharine L. Anderson               |  | 3761                           |                          |  |
| INVENTION: ATTACHME                     | NT OF EL   | ECTRO                           | ONIC TA     | GS TO       | SURGICAI                            | L SPONGES A                                | ND IMPL                        | EMENTS                   |  |
| INVENTOR(s): Ca                         | rl E. Fabiar   | <b>1</b>                        |             |             |                                     |  |                                |                          |  |
| TO THE ASSIST                           |  |                                 |             |             | application. T                      | he fee has been ca                         | lculated as sho                | own below.               |  |
| CLAIMS AS AMENDED                       |  |                                 |             |             |                                     |  |                                |                          |  |
| (1)                                     | (2)<br>CLAIMS REMAINING<br>AFTER AMENDMENT           |                                 | (3)         | PREVIO      | (4)<br>T NUMBER<br>USLY PAID<br>FOR | (5)<br>NO. OF EXTRA<br>CLAIMS PRESEN       | (6)<br>RATE                    | (7)<br>ADDITIONAL<br>FEE |  |
| TOTAL<br>CLAIMS                         | 7  |                                 | MINUS       | 27          |                                     | 0  | X \$25                         | 0.00                     |  |
| INDEP. CLAIMS                           | P. CLAIMS 3  |                                 | MINUS       |             | 3                                   | 0  | X \$100                        | . 0.00                   |  |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$ (               |  |                                 |             |             |                                     |  |                                | \$ 0.00                  |  |
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| March 20, 2006  Date  Signature         |  |                                 |             |             |                                     |  |                                |                          |  |
|   |  |                                 |             |             |                                     |  | Ernest D. Buff                 |                          |  |
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| I hereby certify that Alexandria, VA 22 |  |                                 |             |             |                                     | (Signature)  Ernest D. E  Attorney of Reco | Suff<br>rd                     |                          |  |